

# **Minutes of the Board of Occupational Therapy July 22, 2014 Meeting**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mary Walsh-Sterup called the meeting of the Board of Occupational Therapy to order on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 9:02 a.m. in Lower Level Conference Room B, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice of Meeting Agenda at least 10 days prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Department of Health and Human Services at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

## **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENT**

Ms. Walsh-Sterup announced that this is a public meeting and the Open Meetings Law was posted.

## **ROLL CALL**

The following Board members and Department staff participated in meeting:

Mary Walsh-Sterup, Chairman  
R. McLaran Sawyer, PhD, Public Member  
Rene Tiedt, Program Manager  
Ed Vierk, Assistant Attorney General

Lisa Andersen, Vice-Chairperson  
Linda Storz, Secretary  
Bill Wisell, Health Licensing Coordinator

## **ADOPTION OF THE REVISED AGENDA**

Dr. Sawyer moved, seconded by Ms. Storz to approve the revised agenda as presented. Voting Aye: Storz, Walsh-Sterup, Andersen and Sawyer Voting Nay: None Motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Andersen moved, seconded by Dr. Sawyer to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2014 Meeting. Voting Aye: Walsh-Sterup, Andersen, Sawyer and Storz Voting Nay: None Motion carried.

## **2015 MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Board scheduled February 10, 2015 for the next meeting. The meeting will be held in the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Ms. Storz moved, seconded by Dr. Sawyer to go into closed session at 9:05 a.m. to hear discussions regarding confidential information to protect the reputation of individuals. Voting Aye: Andersen, Sawyer, Storz and Walsh-Sterup Voting Nay: None Motion carried.

*Ms. Walsh-Sterup left the meeting at 9:05 a.m.*

*Ms. Walsh-Sterup returned to the meeting 9:20 a.m.*

## **OPEN SESSION**

Dr. Sawyer moved, seconded by Ms. Storz to come out of closed session at 9:23 a.m. Voting Aye: Sawyer, Storz, Walsh-Sterup and Andersen Voting Nay: None Motion carried.

*Mr. Vierk left the meeting at 9:25 a.m.*

## **ORAL JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION**

Ms. Andersen moved, seconded by Dr. Sawyer that Eva Dawson passed the oral jurisprudence exam. Voting Aye: Storz, Andersen and Sawyer Voting Nay: None Abstain: Walsh-Sterup Motion carried.

## **APPLICATION**

Dr. Sawyer moved, seconded by Ms. Storz to offer a probationary Occupational Therapy Assistant license to Megan Hughes. The reason for the offer is Ms. Hughes's recent misdemeanor conviction. Voting Aye: Andersen, Sawyer and Storz Voting Nay: None Abstain: Walsh-Sterup Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Walsh-Sterup, Ms. Andersen and Ms. Storz attended the American Occupational Therapy Association's Annual Conference and Expo April 3-6, 2014 which was held in Baltimore, MD. All agreed that the meeting was quite beneficial and a wonderful learning experience.

Ms. Storz moved, seconded by Dr. Sawyer to reaffirm the mail ballot decision to offer Eva Dawson a probationary physical agent modalities certification. Voting Aye: Andersen, Sawyer and Storz Voting Nay: None Abstain: Walsh-Sterup Motion carried.

Ms. Tiedt provided a copy of the current application processing report from the Department. Ms. Tiedt reported that there was 405 Nebraska Licensed Occupational Therapists and 98 Nebraska Licensed Occupational Therapy Assistants that have not renewed their licenses. Ms. Walsh-Sterup indicated that she would send an email to the Nebraska Occupational Therapy Association to send a reminder to its members addressing this concern. The expiration of Nebraska licensed Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants is August 1, 2014.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

***\*\*signature available upon request\*\****

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Linda Storz, Secretary

Written by: Bill Wisell, Health Licensing Coordinator